

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11, 16-23, and 28-30 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.  
No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 12-15 and 24-27 are allowed. (Action at page 5). Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

**Conclusion**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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